

House Resolution 879

By: Representatives Chambers of the 81st and Geisinger of the 48th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Sister Christine Truong My Hanh; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Sister Christine Truong My Hanh was born in Hue, South Vietnam, and was
3 educated by Catholic nuns; and
- 4 WHEREAS, at age seventeen, Sister Christine left Vietnam for Singapore to become a
5 Catholic nun with the Order of Good Shepherd Sisters and, after taking her vows, returned
6 to Vietnam to serve as director of the Order of Good Shepherd Sisters in Saigon, working
7 with poor women, widows, and prostitutes; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1975, just one week before the fall of Saigon, Sister Christine escaped to the
9 United States, bringing 160 handicapped children with her to freedom; and
- 10 WHEREAS, in 1976, the order sent Sister Christine to Hong Kong and then to the United
11 Kingdom where she earned her master's degree in social work from the University of Keele
12 while working with Vietnamese refugees in Ireland, England, and Germany; and
- 13 WHEREAS, she returned to Hong Kong for ten more years, giving hope and strength to
14 thousands of people as an advocate for the boat people detained in refugee camps; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Sister Christine returned to the United States, serving first with the Metropolitan
16 Washington, D. C. YMCA, and moving in 1991 to Atlanta as a family counselor for Save the
17 Children Foundation and as a consultant for St. Joseph's Hospital; and
- 18 WHEREAS, in 1993, Sister Christine founded the Good Shepherd Services of Atlanta in
19 DeKalb County, serving the poor, the at-risk youth, and providing elderly services, cultural
20 enrichment, translation services, and citizenship classes, and the organization has expanded
21 and now serves additional communities in Clayton and Gwinnett Counties.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
2 the members of this body recognize and honor Sister Christine Truong My Hanh for her
3 strength, faith, and good works in our community.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Sister Hanh.